



Denham, Gerrards Cross and the Chalfonts Community Board Meeting

Chairman: Cllr Santokh Chhokar

16th Nov 2023

6.30pm Teams



1	Chair's Welcome	6.30pm
2	Apologies/Declarations of Interest / Minutes of last meeting	6.35pm
3	Buckinghamshire Council Updates Tiffany Adonis-French	6.40pm
4	Community Matters Questions from members of the public can be submitted in advance of the meeting to denhamgxchalfonts@Buckinghamshire.gov.uk	6.50pm
5	Project Gigabit Lloyd Little, Senior Programme Officer (Digital) BC <i>Background / current position / expectations and input</i>	6.55pm
6	Community Board Update Engagement Events & Other Activities Budget Position Projects Project spotlight – Jacqui Gellman, Outreach, COAM	7.40pm
7	Action Group Updates Community Safety TS Sustainability Action Group JC Infrastructure & Highways JR/DB Health & Wellbeing ID	7.45pm
8	Date of next meeting & close	8.00pm



Buckinghamshire Council Corporate Update

Tiffany Adonis-French

Service Director - ASC Operations • Adults and Health
Directorate - Adult Social Care



Corporate Update

Local Plan – progress and next steps We have now published an [interactive map and basic details](#) of the 1,000 or so sites which were submitted in response to our two Calls for Brownfield Sites and our Wider Call for Sites. Next local plan public engagement work is likely to take place in early 2024

Cost of Living update:

- **Community Food Chain Campaign:** aims to increase public food bank donations and raise awareness of volunteering opportunities
<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/campaign/community-food-chain/>
- **Welcoming Spaces:** looking at ways in which Welcoming Spaces can again offer residents warm and friendly places to go and meet with others this coming winter.
- **Energy Doctor:** domestic resource efficiency officers are visiting qualifying homes to assess and advise on measures that can reduce energy consumption and costs.
- **Revenues and Benefits:** Council tax collection remains on target despite obvious pressures in the community and as a result additional funding is being made available to the discretionary housing payment fund to support residents who may have one-off difficulties preventing them paying their rent.

CORPORATE UPDATE cont...

Current and upcoming consultations [Your Voice Bucks - Citizen Space](#)

[Review of Where you Vote](#)

Following recent boundary changes, there are a small number of proposed changes to polling districts and polling places in the county. Most polling places remain unchanged. We welcome your view on these proposed changes.

Closes 4th December

[Buckinghamshire Housing Strategy 2024 – 2029 Consultation](#)

This will be Buckinghamshire's first countywide Housing Strategy.

We want everyone to have a suitable, secure and affordable place to live – our Housing Strategy shows what we will do to make this happen.

Closes 18th December

Further information on this and all the updates is in the full document attached to the agenda.



Community Matters

Public Questions: questions from members of the public can be submitted in advance of the meeting to denhamgxchalfonts@Buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Petitions: N/A

Policing Update: see Agenda Pack for latest newsletter from TVP





Project Gigabit

Lloyd Little, Senior Programme Officer (Digital) BC



Key Areas of Focus



Broadband - Looking at how we can maximise coverage so that high quality broadband is available to as many residents and businesses as possible



Mobile and Other Tech - Understanding how we can use alternative technologies to offer solutions to those in exclusion zones, as well as exploring opportunities for innovation



Access and Inclusion - Ensuring that we have oversight of the residents and businesses unable to access digital infrastructure and outlining how we can increase inclusivity



Barrier Busting - Highlighting how the rollout of digital infrastructure impacts Buckinghamshire and how the strategy can facilitate the lessening of these challenges

Broadband in Buckinghamshire

Buckinghamshire



Superfast (>30mbps) Coverage: **97.41%**
Gigabit (Via cabinets or FTTP) Coverage: **72.66%**

UK



Superfast (>30mbps) Coverage: **97.74%**
Gigabit (Via cabinets or FTTP) Coverage: **78.47%**



Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire's two Connected Counties programmes and Buckinghamshire's solo Rural Broadband project have significantly boosted superfast coverage



Over 15 fibre companies are operating within the county to install Gigabit capable connectivity



Project Gigabit to reach at least 20,000 premises in Buckinghamshire from 2024 onwards

DGXC – Digital Infrastructure Overview

Postcode	Area(s) Covered	Total No. of Premises	Total Planned		Gigabit		Unplanned	
UB9	Denham	2034	1061	52%	546	27%	973	48%
HP8	Chalfont St Giles	3127	1956	63%	198	6%	1171	37%
SL2	Hedgerley	5299	4713	89%	302	6%	586	11%
SL9	Chalfont St Peter & GX	9990	9619	96%	397	4%	371	4%
HP9	Seer Green & Jordans	8320	8052	97%	330	4%	268	3%
SL3	Fulmer	1410	1341	95%	305	22%	69	5%

Postcode	Area(s) Covered	O2		3		Vodafone		EE	
		4G	5G	4G	5G	4G	5G	4G	5G
UB9	Denham	Good	Fair	Good	None	Good	Good	Good	Fair
HP8	Chalfont St Giles	Good	None	Good	None	Good	None	Good	None
SL2	Hedgerley	Good	Fair	Good	None	Good	Good	Good	None
SL9	Chalfont St Peter & GX	Good	None	Good	Fair	Good	Fair	Good	None
HP9	Seer Green & Jordans	Good	None	Good	None	Good	None	Good	None
SL3	Fulmer	Good	Fair	Good	None	Good	Fair	Good	None

Maximising Broadband Coverage



Project Gigabit, the government's £5bn national scheme, is expected to deliver gigabit capable broadband to 20,000+ premises across Buckinghamshire and this will play a significant part in improving connectivity for those in rural areas.



Fibre operators continue to rollout their commercial delivery and we work closely with them to monitor their plans. They also provide 4 monthly data to BDUK and Ofcom which feeds into a rolling open market review – this information is used to determine the next phases of government intervention and to reduce overbuilding on the network



As the council, our mission is to facilitate both areas of intervention by working with central government and the suppliers to identify areas where connectivity is required, encourage infrastructure development in parts of the county which are excluded from current plans and to produce alternative solutions for those where broadband may not be the answer.

Project Gigabit Overview

Central Government are investing £5bn into broadband infrastructure throughout the UK in a bid to achieve their 85% overall coverage target by 2030.

Buckinghamshire have been allotted with Hertfordshire and East Berkshire in LOT 26



We will be contacting areas who will benefit from the programme via community boards, local and parish councillors and MPs.

Data due in the new year, as well as build plans.

If your area is missed out, we will help you.



DGXC Community Board Update

Cllr Santokh Chhokar



Community Engagement

COAM Green Festival, July



We were at the Chiltern Open Air Museum's **Green Festival** in July. There were some great activities, including a guided woodland walk with local bushcraft expert, David Willis, talks by **Chiltern Chalk Streams Project**, willow weaving and stalls selling and promoting local groups and businesses.



To find out about all the events at the museum, check out their website here:

[Museum of historic buildings in Buckinghamshire \(coam.org.uk\)](http://Museum of historic buildings in Buckinghamshire (coam.org.uk))

Community Engagement

Chalfont St Giles Village Show, September



We had a fantastic day at the **Chalfont St Giles Show** - another great event organised by this brilliant group of volunteers. It was great to meet and chat to so many of you, thank you for dropping by our stand. A big thank you to our Bucks Councillors who helped out on the day.



Great to see friends of the Community Board, Age Concern GX Plus and Revitalisation Group CSG & Jordans too.

[CSGShow2023 - YouTube](#)



Community Engagement

**Chalfont St Giles
Best Kept Village,
September**

**Milton's Cottage
Apple Day,
September**



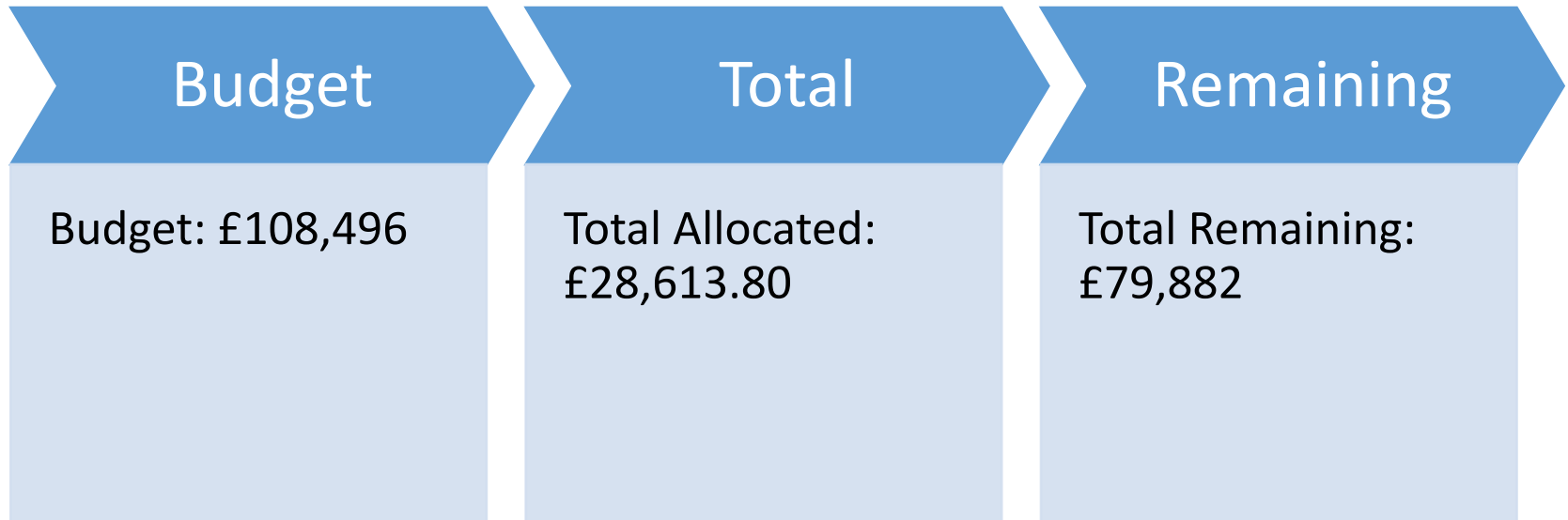
60+ FITNESS & SOCIAL CLUB
Call Rita on 0773...
or Kaye on 0773...
www.chalfontstgiles.org.uk

Wellbeing Day
Weds 18th Oct



Chalfont St Giles & Jordans Revitalisation Group

Projects Funded to Date



Applicant	Project Details	Priority *	Project Cost	CB Contribution	Contributory Funding
Chalfont St Giles Village Show	Chalfont St Giles Coronation Party	SC	£11,731.00	£2,995.00	£8,736.00
King George's Field Fulmer	Fulmer Family Fun Day and Coronation Big Lunch	SC	£4,386.49	£1,000.00	£3,386.49
Chalfont St Peter PC	Coronation Celebration	SC	£4,121.64	£1,999.00	£2,122.64
CSG Revitalisation Group	Well-Being Day 18th Oct	H&WB	£759.00	£759.00	£-
Denham Parochial Church Council	AED and community training for CPR and defibrillator	H&WB	£3,515.00	£3,115.00	£400.00
CSP Parish Council	Environmental Mapping and Survey	SE	£3,920.80	£1,920.80	£2,000.00
Stephen Spender Trust	Creative Translation Workshops for Ukrainians	SC	£4,650.00	£1,825.00	£2,825.00
Chalfont St Giles PC	Riverside Walk Restoration	ALL	£39,305.90	£15,000.00	£24,305.90

*** CS - Community Safety SE - Sustainability (Environmental) / SEc - Sustainability (Economic) / SC - Sustainability (Social/Community) IH-Infrastructure & Highways / HW-Health & Wellbeing**

Projects in development

Applicant	Project Details	Priority **	Project Cost	CB Amount
CVRP	Improvement Plan	S & H&WB	£38,000.00	£15,000.00
CSP/VAG	Memorial Gdn	S & H&WB	£65,000.00	£15,000.00
CSP	CSP Nature Reserve Winter phase	SE & H&WB	£35,000.00	£15,000.00
CSP Community Centre	New PA system	SC	£6,400.00	£3,400.00
BFBS / CR	Pond regeneration	SE & H&WB	£4,000.00	£2,000.00
GXCA	New tech & lighting to support events. Signage & Marketing	SU		
Multi-board?	Mens Mental Health & Food	H&WB		£500.00
Chiltern Dial A Ride	Multiboard - new bus	H&WB	£25,000.00	£1,215.00
Board-led	Carbon Literacy	SU	£7,500.00	£2,500.00
Seer Green PC	MVAS			
Revitalisation CSG & Jordans	Local History Book	SU		
Fawsett Trust	CSG Christmas Voucher Scheme CoL	SC & H&WB	£4,000.00	£4,000.00
Jordans Biodiversity Volunteer Group	Re-wilding Manor Farm Field	S & H&WB		
Friends of CSG Church	Noticeboard	SC		
CSG Parish Council	DDay Anniversary Day, June 6th 80 years	SC & H&WB		
Hedgerley Memorial Hall	Sustainable heating	S & H&WB		



Spotlight on Projects

Chiltern Open Air Museum

Jacqui Gellman, Outreach



Collaboration & Partnership Working

In July we joined in with the social prescribing activity group at **Chiltern Open Air Museum**, which is a project supported by the DGXC and Amersham & Villages Community Board. This was a pilot project offering a range of activities in the beautiful rural setting to help prevent social isolation and improve health. We joined in with the session that was making bread on an open fire led by the highly knowledgeable local Bushcraft expert David Willis, what a fantastic way to spend an afternoon!

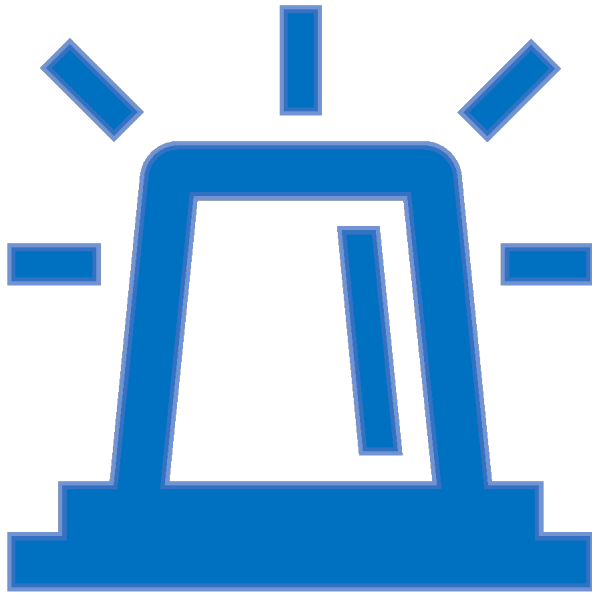




Action Group Update



Community Safety



**Be part of our Action Group
addressing this priority**

- **Chair: Tony Shinner**
- **Vice Chair: Jonathan Rush**

**Supporting the development of
resilient communities**

**Crime awareness & prevention
(including ASB, CCTV, NW, Fraud)**

**No members – to explore a merge
with Infrastructure & Highways**

Infrastructure & Highways

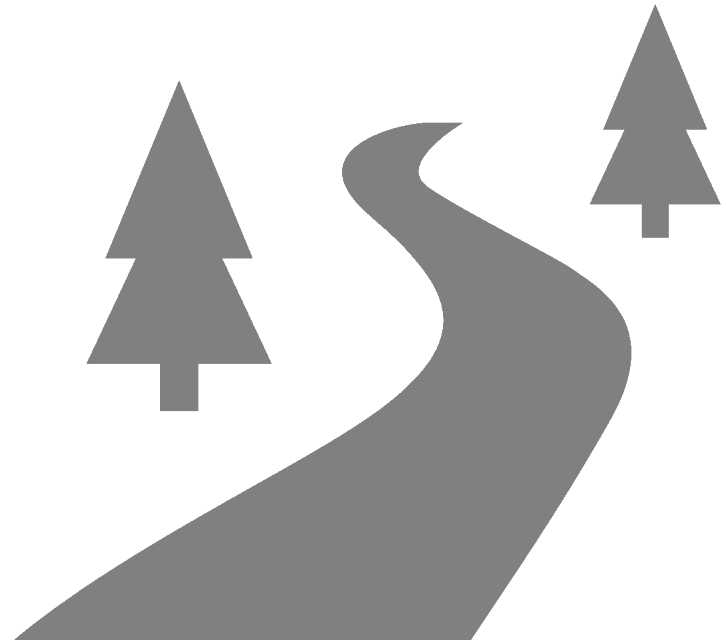
**Be part of our Action Group
addressing this priority**

Chair: Jonathan Rush

Vice Chair: Des Bray

- Active Travel
- Fix My Street
- Parking
- Speeding

**Next Meeting Date: Thursday 30th
November 10.15am.**



Sustainability: Environmental, Economic & Social/Community

**Be part of our Action Group
addressing this priority**

- **Chair: Jane Chamberlain**
- **Vice Chair: Sharad Jar**

**Next Meeting Date: Friday 24th
Nov, 10-11am, via Teams**



Environment

Seek and support schemes that have a sustainable and lasting effect on the DGXC area, improve the built or rural environment, reduce the impacts and increase awareness of climate change, and reverse environmental damage.

Protecting and improving biodiversity
/ protecting wildlife / re-wilding

Reduce carbon emissions: reduce energy consumption - encourage and support businesses and local communities across the board area to engage and invest in greater energy efficiency and local, low carbon/renewable energy solutions.

Champion active travel and green transport solutions

Improve Air Quality (AQ)

Work with partner organisations supporting environmental initiatives, including local nature recovery and protection. Additionally to protect, maintain and enhance the greenbelt in the board area.

Protect resources: minimise waste, through reduce, re-use and recycle initiatives

Social / Community

Enable and support sustainable communities where people want to live and work, now and in the future, meeting the diverse needs of existing and future residents, while being considerate of the environment and contributing

Build	Educate	Work	Reduce	Encourage	Develop	Protect and support
Build a resilient Community	Educate on issues that impact the environment - poss cross overs with other priorities (eg. H&WB)	Work with local businesses and groups to support volunteering opportunities and community group initiatives	Reduce environmental crime, eg. littering, fly tipping	Encourage engaging with nature	Develop new local community events, festivals and markets	Protect and support rural villages

Economic:

Support plans and strategies that seek to grow the local economy while continuing to protect and enhance everything special about our local



Support and promote local businesses, including rural businesses



Explore ways to support our high streets to increase footfall and dwell time



Work with local businesses and groups to support volunteering opportunities and community group initiatives.



Explore opportunities for place promotion (urban and rural)



Work with local business representative groups to support SME

Health & Wellbeing



**Be part of our Action Group
addressing this priority**

- **Chair: Isobel Darby**
- **Vice Chair: Position vacant**

**Supporting Volunteering
Promoting healthier lifestyles**

**Proposed next meeting date:
Dec 7th**



Community Board
Denham, Gerrards Cross
and The Chalfonts

Thank you

Next meeting date: February 28th 2024

Please tell us of your Community Events & stay connected via:

denhamgxchalfonts@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Would you like us to set the theme for our next meeting? If so, please contact us with your suggestions.

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